



General Assembly

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Raised Bill No. 1063

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Referred to Committee on Select Committee on Veterans' Affairs

Introduced by:
(VA)

***AN ACT CONCERNING ELIGIBILITY FOR BENEFITS FOR VETERANS
IN SERVICE IN TIME OF WAR.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Subsection (a) of section 27-103 of the general statutes is
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*
3 *passage*):

4 (a) As used in the general statutes, except chapter 504, and except as
5 otherwise provided: (1) "Armed forces" means the United States Army,
6 Navy, Marine Corps, Coast Guard and Air Force and any reserve
7 component thereof, including the Connecticut National Guard
8 performing duty as provided in Title 32 of the United States Code; (2)
9 "veteran" means any person honorably discharged from, or released
10 under honorable conditions from active service in, the armed forces;
11 (3) "service in time of war" means service of ninety or more cumulative
12 days except, if the period of war lasted less than ninety days, "service
13 in time of war" means service for the entire period of war, unless
14 separated from service earlier because of a service-connected disability
15 rated by the Veterans' Administration, during a period of war; and (4)
16 "period of war" has the same meaning as provided in 38 USC 101, as

17 amended, except that the "Vietnam Era" means the period beginning
 18 on February 28, 1961, and ending on July 1, 1975, in all cases; and
 19 "period of war" shall include service while engaged in combat or a
 20 combat support role in Lebanon, July 1, 1958, to November 1, 1958, or
 21 September 29, 1982, to March 30, 1984; Grenada, October 25, 1983, to
 22 December 15, 1983; Operation Earnest Will, involving the escort of
 23 Kuwaiti oil tankers flying the United States flag in the Persian Gulf,
 24 [February 1, 1987, to July 23, 1987] July 24, 1987, to September 26, 1988;
 25 and Panama, December 20, 1989, to January 31, 1990, and shall include
 26 service during such periods with the armed forces of any government
 27 associated with the United States.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	27-103(a)
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Statement of Purpose:

To clarify that "service in time of war" means service of ninety or more cumulative days rather than service of ninety or more consecutive days and to amend the beginning and ending dates of Operation Earnest Will.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]